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TO:

Minerals File

FROM:

Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer AA

RE:

Site Inspection, Energy Fuels Nuclear, Far West Mine, M/037/019, San Juan County,

<u>Utah</u>

Date of Inspection:

November 2, 1995

Time of Inspection:

8:40 - 8:55

Conditions:

Clear skies, cool

Participants:

Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To examine the revegetation success at the site.

Vegetation growing in the reclaimed access road showed signs of heavy grazing in places. Reclamation of this road included ripping and seeding. For the most part, the grasses were growing in the furrows created by the ripping.

The portal closures at the site were intact and there were no signs of any open portals. Small portions of the reclaimed mine site are still sparsely vegetated, probably due to poor soils. There are some signs of minor erosional rilling on the areas that have poor revegetation success. Division files indicate reclamation of this site took place in 1992, therefore, vegetation at the site has survived three growing seasons. It may be possible to fully release this site if the BLM's requirements are satisfied.

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cc:

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